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In re Application of :
Shehada, Ramez E.N. : **DECISION PETITION**
Serial No.: 10/776,020 :
Filed: February 9, 2004 :
Title: Surgical Drain With Sensors For Fluid :
In Lumen :

This is in response to the petition applicant filed on January 4, 2005 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII, thus the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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